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Quick Notes

Check for New Announcements With Each imMTrax Login!

The IZ program will be routinely updating the announcement section of your imMTrax home page with imMTrax and VFC alerts, news, helpful hints and other pertinent issues.

imMTrax User Quality Assurance

We are currently in the process of updating imMTrax User status. This is a required process that ensures the security of patient data and those accessing the system. We will be contacting you soon via email with a list of all those within your organization/site who are currently using imMTrax. Please reply with any users no longer needing imMTrax access or no longer in your employment. We appreciate your help with this project and hope that it helps you as well. If you have any questions call 406-444-2969, Monday – Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Vaccine Available

Just a reminder that we keep a short-dated vaccine list in imMTrax under the heading "Announcements-Vaccine Available." Please check this list for vaccine available in your area and contact the listing clinic if you can use the vaccine before it expires. Follow the guidelines in Section 16 (page 65) of your *VFC Provider Handbook* when transferring vaccine and the guidelines in Section 12 (page 43) when packing vaccine for transport. We ask that you limit transfers to clinics within a four hour driving distance. To post short-dated vaccine to the list, send the vaccine type, expiration date, number of doses and contact information to hhsiz@mt.gov and we will add it.

New imMTrax User Call Beginning in 2014!

Beginning in January we will be hosting a monthly imMTrax User Call on the second Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. The call will feature a highlight of an imMTrax function, followed by an open forum for questions, comments and suggestions. Email any suggestions you'd like to see in upcoming calls to mfuncness@mt.gov.

January 2014

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February 12, 2014

March 12, 2014



Influenza Immunization Resources for Nurses

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Here is a collection of resources to assist clinic nurses during the busy influenza season. So, when you get those difficult questions and can't quite remember the answer or can't find the information, you can save this list of resources on your computer, print them out and store them in a safe place, or laminate and bind them together in your vaccination prep area.

CDC Flu Information

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/2013-summary-recommendations.htm#table1>

Influenza Screening Questionnaires

Inactivated Injectable Influenza Vaccine:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4066.pdf>

LAIV:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4067.pdf>

Guides for Determining the Number of Doses of Influenza Vaccine, Children Age 6 Months Through 8 years, 2013-2014 Influenza Season

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3093.pdf>

Influenza Vaccination of People with a History of Egg Allergy

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3094.pdf>

Flu Vaccine Packaging and Recognition

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/influenza/documents/IMM-859.pdf>

Additional information is available year-round on the Montana Immunization Program Influenza Resource page:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/influenza/index.shtml>

Proper Vaccine Storage is Important

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Proper vaccine storage plays an important role in preventing and eradicating vaccine-preventable diseases.

Improper storage conditions can:

- Reduce vaccine potency
- Affect a large number of patients
- Induce inadequate immune responses and poor protection against disease
- Diminish patient confidence in vaccines and providers when re-vaccination is necessary
- Waste thousands of dollars in vaccine.

The Montana Immunization Program provides CDC-compliant digital thermometers called “data loggers” to all our VFC providers. But it takes more than a fancy thermometer to protect your vaccine supply. It also takes trained staff adhering to the standards of practice for vaccine storage as outlined in the *Montana VFC Provider Handbook/Vaccine Management Plan*.

Below are a few reminders about vaccine storage temperature monitoring:

- Install your data logger according to the Montana Data Logger Instruction Manual
- Record current temperatures twice daily and minimum/maximum temperatures every morning on a state-supplied paper temperature log
- Once per month, download, review, and archive your data logger data
- Once per month (prior to inventory reconciliation), enter your twice-daily current temperatures into imMTrax
- As needed, respond immediately to red out-of-range warning lights and out-of-range temperatures. Obtain a Vaccine Incident Report, complete Steps 1-6. Then, call the Immunization Program (406) 444-5580.

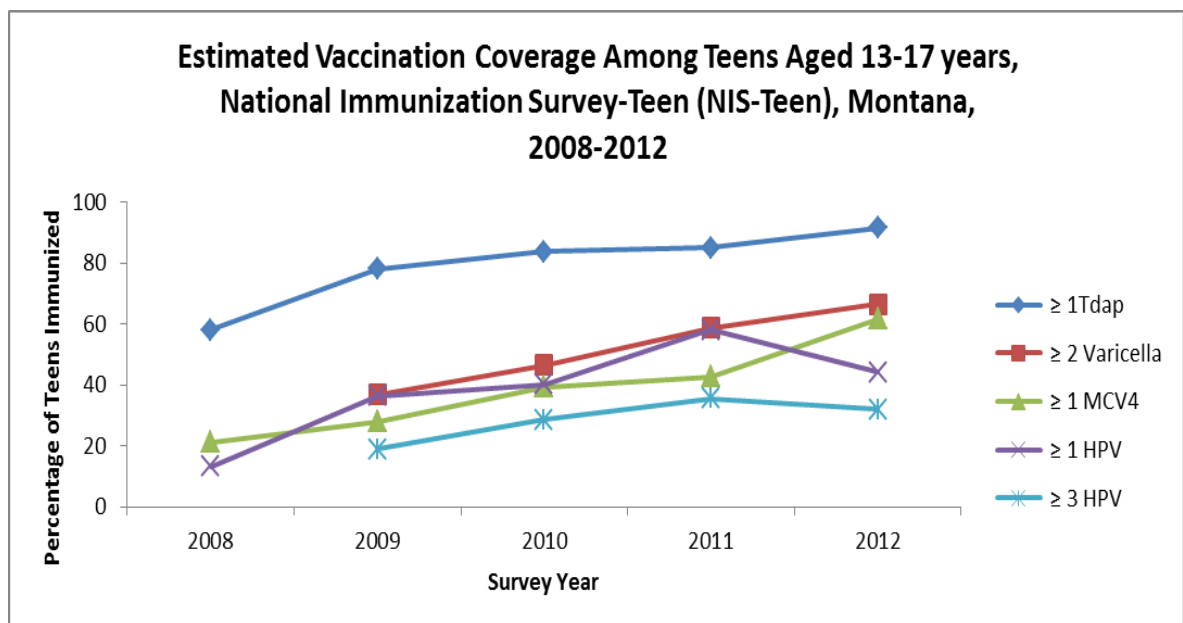
National survey shows Montana's vaccine rates for teens have increased from 2011-2012

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On September 13, 2013, CDC published the 2012 Teen National Immunization Survey (NIS). Since 2008, Montana's teen immunization rates have steadily increased. Tdap has been much higher than all other teen vaccines each year.

In 2011, Montana reached the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80% or more of teens having received 1 dose of Tdap. Additionally, we exceeded the national average for ≥ 1 HPV for females, and HPV series completion.



The table below shows the comparison between the national estimated vaccination coverage and Montana's estimated coverage for 2012. Moving forward from 2012, HPV vaccine will be recorded for both females and males.

				Females			Males		
	≥ 1 Tdap	≥ 2 Varicella	≥ 1 MCV4	≥ 1 HPV	≥ 2 HPV	≥ 3 HPV	≥ 1 HPV	≥ 2 HPV	≥ 3 HPV
United States	84.6%	74.9%	74%	53.8%	43.4%	33.4%	20.8%	12.7%	6.8%
Montana	90.2%	61.3%	58.6%	55.1%	46.5%	41.6%	16.8%	10%	NA

Assigning Medical Home Associations

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What is *Primary Care*, what is *Secondary Care*, when do you indicate a patient as *Not Associated* – and how does it affect the data in imMTrax?

As children move from one practice to another due to relocation, insurance provider changes, or vaccine/service availability, our indication for the *Medical Home Association* in imMTrax can get a bit confusing. Maybe this refresher might help in determining which choice is the best practice to use and how your choice will affect your patient records.

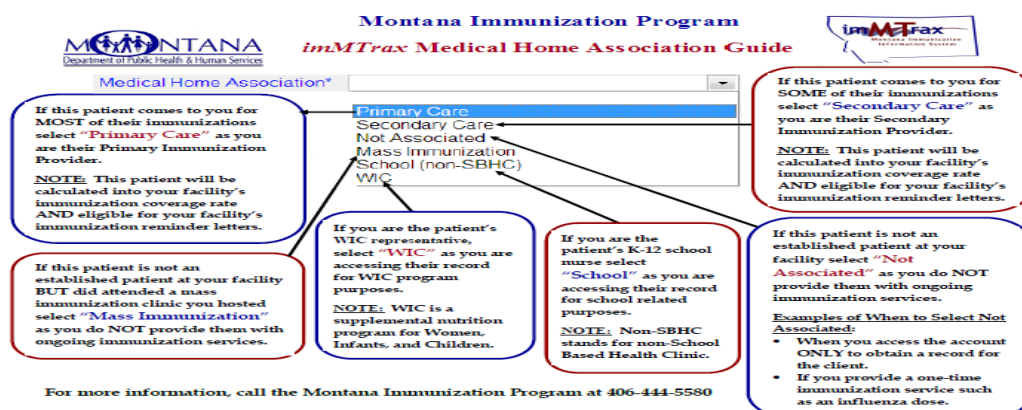
Primary Care can be defined as the patient's primary medical home. This is where they go to get all their vaccines, well child/patient visits, sick visits, etc.

Secondary Care means that you will provide some services, but not all for the patient. Most likely, they have another provider that they normally see, but go to you for certain services.

Not Associated would be used for a one-time visit, such as a local flu or other vaccine clinic, and the patient will most likely not visit you again. It would also be used if the patient left your practice. When this happens, please change their status to *Inactive- Moved or Gone Elsewhere*, since this indication is site specific.

Many of the coverage reports that are generated from imMTrax data (including the AFIX assessments that are done by Montana Immunization staff) use a combination of *Primary* and *Secondary Care* associations. The same is true for Reminder/Recall listings. So, if a child has a *Secondary Care* association to your location, they will be included in these results, even if you are not their primary medical home.

Accurate and consistent documentation of patient *Medical Home Association* is a key component in retaining and increasing the integrity of imMTrax. Refer to the *imMTrax Medical Home Association Guide* provided below for additional information and quick reference.



System Access to imMTrax

Michelle Funchess, IIS Training and Support

System access to imMTrax should vary by what a person's job entails. Matching a person's job duties to what level of imMTrax access to request can be confusing. Let's go over a few things beginning with the *System Access Request* forms.

The imMTrax *System Access Request* forms (officially known as *DPHHS-OM-300B*) are generic forms used for many purposes and occasionally updated. DPHHS's Network Security staff will reject an outdated form so please go to our website (<https://immtrax.mt.gov/consentforms.shtml>) to ensure you have the latest version.

It is important to have the following fields completed:

- Legal Name of Individual Requiring Access
- Employer
- Other Name(s) Used (if applicable)
- Work Address
- Work Phone
- E-mail Address
- Signature of Employee
- Phone Number of Supervisor
- Printed Name and Signature of Supervisor

Not having the fields **clearly** completed may slow down the process or cause the request to be rejected.

The table below will help you decide which *System Access Request* form is appropriate for you or your users.

Access Request Form	Available Tasks	Notes
Read Only Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• View records• Query records• Print records & a few reports	Basic level granted allowing user to view information Appropriate for clerical staff
Read Only with Consent Application	Same as above plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record consent• Run patient reports	Must complete <i>Read Only with Consent Training</i> plus fax completed <i>Read Only with Consent Memorandum of Agreement</i> form Appropriate for School Nurses
Data Entry Application	Same as above plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter immunization information• Enter and edit patient information	User can enter both biographical and immunization information Appropriate for administrative staff
Site Administrator (not on website must request application)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All patient and inventory functions• Add physicians and clinicians• Complete VFC contract• Order vaccines	Appropriate for a main VFC coordinator Appropriate for an immunization manager
Site Administrator + Merge Role (not on website must request application)	Same rights as Site Administrator plus the ability to merge client records	A good understanding of patient information is required The <i>Merge Role Training</i> must be completed

Final Words

Click to try one of the many CDC Influenza awareness tools this season!



Have Something to Contribute?

Have an upcoming event you'd like highlighted? A recent program success story you'd like to share? Let us know!

Any Changes?

Do you have a new email address? Has your name recently changed? Submit your imMTrax updates to mfuncness@mt.gov or call (406) 444-2969.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



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